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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTEVIDEO 1510

CINCSO FOR POLAD

SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

REF : MONTEVIDEO'S 1507

1. AFTER OBTAINING COPY OF NOTE PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN TYPEWRITTEN BY MLN AND LEFT IN LOCAL WASHROOM, I TOOK COPY TO FOREIGN OFFICE TO DISCUSS WITH FONMIN PEIRANO. LATTER AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN, SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER DIRECTLY WITH PRESIDENT PACHECO WHO HAD ASKED TO HAVE HIS PERSONAL CONCERN CONVEYED TO ME.

2. PEIRANO EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT ABOUT AUTHENTICITY OF SUPPOSED MLN MESSAGE ESPECIALLY SINCE IT SEEMED CONTRADICTORY TO MESSAGES (ABOUT FIVE OF THEM) RECEIVED SO FAR BY BRASILIAN AMBASSADOR. WHILE LATTER INDICATE INTERNAL CONFLICT BETWEEN KIDNAPPERS AND BRAZIL AND MAKE NO MENTION WHATEVER OF MITRIONE OR RANSOM OF POLITICAL PRISONERS (ONLY MONEY) THE NOTE WHICH HAS REACHED US CLEARLY CONNECTS GOMIDE AND MITRIONE AND SPEAKS ONLY OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

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3. PEIRANO REITERATED HIS ASSURANCE THAT THE GOU WAS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO. HE CONFORMED THAT SOME SUSPECTS HAD BEEN ARRESTED BUT THUS FAR VERY LITTLE INFORMATION HAD BEEN OBTAINED. HE SAID HE WAS OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS WE MIGHT HAVE AND WOULD GIVE THEM ALL POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION.

4. WE HAVE CHECKED THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WOUND DESCRIBED IN THE "MLN NOTE" WITH THE EMBASSY'S LOCAL PHYSICIAN WHO SAYS THE DESCRITPION IS PLAUSIBLE MEDICALLY AND SUCH A WOUND (BULLET WOULD HAVE ENTERED JUST BELOW NECK AT RIGHT COLLARBONE AND EXITED FROM LEFT ARM PIT) WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE GRAVE. ADAIR.